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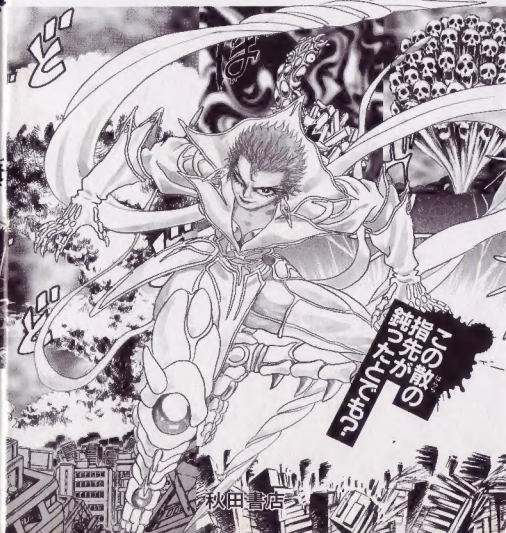

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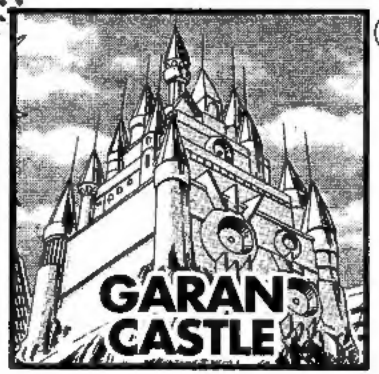

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I KNOW THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WORRY AND PRAY, I CAN'T HELP HAGAKURE, BUT... BUT STILL, I PRAY FOR HIM. HAGAKURE, DON'T LOSE!

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⑦ TO DEFEAT THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL SHIN, KAKUGO DRAWS OUT THE IRON BALLS THAT WERE IMBEDDED INTO HIS BODY.

⑤ KAKUGO HAGAKURE HAS BEEN TRAINED MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY SINCE HE WAS AN ADOLESCENT, SO HE HAS NO FEAR OF DEATH.

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RIGHT NOW HAGAKURE IS...

HAGAKURE IS THE MOST PRECIOUS AND IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE WORLD TO ME. WITH TREMENDOUS COURAGE AND STRENGTH, HAGAKURE WENT TO THE CASTLE WHERE THAT EVIL LORD LIVES.

I DON'T HAVE ESP, SO I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT KIND OF MONSTER HE'S FIGHTING, BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT SOMETHING VERY BAD WILL HAPPEN.

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EPISODE FORTY-FIVE,
ADVANCED ANTI-ARMOR

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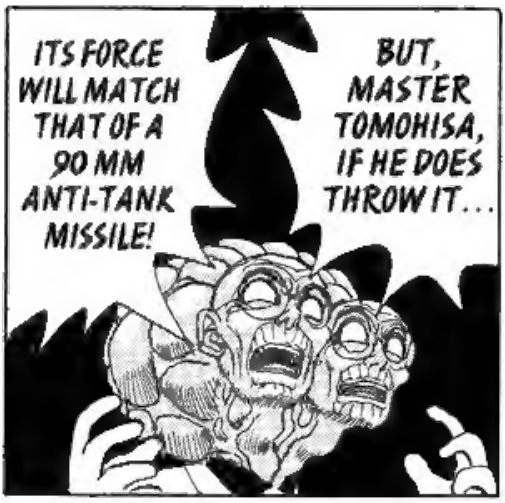
NO PROBLEM!
HOLD ONTO THAT THOUGHT!
AMATEUR!
ARE YOU GOING TO THROW THINGS AT ME NOW?
DO YOUR BEST TO DODGE IT, BOLT!
NOT EVEN SHIN COULD WALK AWAY FROM A SINGLE HIT OF THESE IRON BALLS!


ITS FORCE WILL MATCH THAT OF A 90 MM ANTI-TANK MISSILE!
BUT, MASTER TOMOHISA, IF HE DOES THROW IT...

NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL HE IS HE WILL NEVER BEAT SHIN

WHY WOULD HE THROW HIS ZERO FORM, IRON BALLS!?
WHY WOULD HE THROW IT?

JUSTICE!

COUNTER ATTACK!
YOU WILL JUST DIG YOUR OWN GRAVE! KAKUGO KAGARURE!
AH!

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!
TAKE THIS!
HUMPH!

THE ZERO-FORM IRON BALL BURIES ITSELF DEEP!

COUNTER-

NG...

GAUGH
BOLT SPITS BLOOD!
HHH
WHY WASN'T IT REPELLED?
WHA-

DO YOU STILL THINK THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM?
HOW DOES IT FEEL, BOLT?
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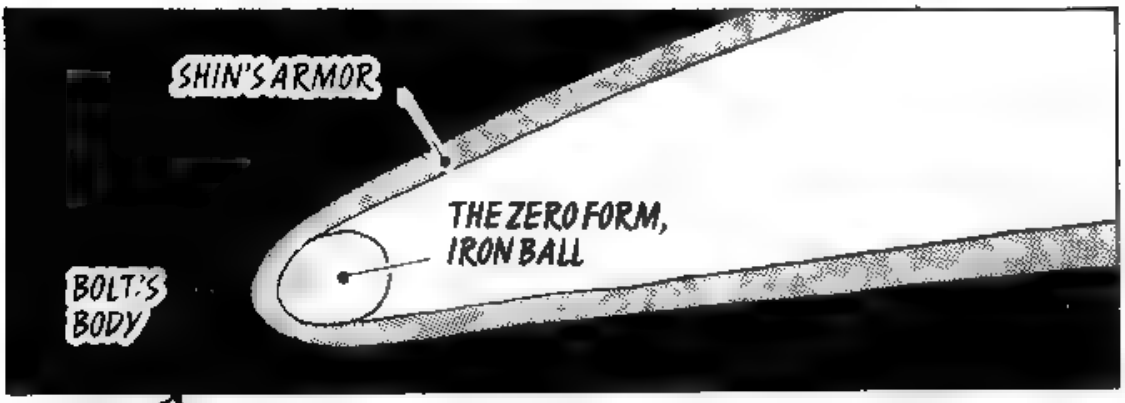
THE SECOND BALL STRIKES!


SHIN'S ARMOR
THE ZERO FORM, IRON BALL
BOLT'S BODY

THE NEXT MOMENT!

IT EXPANDS AND SHARPENS LIKE AN ANCHOR!
ZERO FORM, IRON BALLS!
ADVANCED ANTI-ARMOR MODE!

MASTER BOLT!
IMPOSSIBLE! TO DEFEND!
HOW COULD THIS BE? WHY IS HE ABLE TO USE AN ANTI-ARMOR ATTACK
BUT I WON'T LET YOU USE IT!

I WILL NEVER LET YOU USE SUCH AN ATTACK ON MASTER HARARA'S ARMOR...
..THE MASTER-
PIECE OF STEEL, KASUMI!!

!
I MUST ABSORB ALL OF THEM!

NO PROBLEM!

ENOUGH SAID!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
A MERE TEN OR TWENTY PETTY TRICKS

TRY
THIS
ONE!

AAAH!
CERTAINLY!

UBUH!
EXPLODE!
ズズン
AAAAH!

BOLT TOOK A TOTAL OF SIX HITS OF THE ADVANCED ANTI-ARMOR ATTACK.
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BUT OUR BATTLE HAS JUST BEGUN!

EPISODE FORTY-SIX
ANTI-SUBLIMATION
第四十六話 対昇華

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GAH!
HEH
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I'VE EXPELLED MY INTESTINES TO MAKE ROOM FOR ADVANCED ANTI-ARMOR ROUNDS!
PROBLEM SOLVED!
HMM ..
WHAT FEARFUL DETERMINATION

TO HAVE MET A FIRST CLASS SOLDIER LIKE YOURSELF.
I MUST SAY I ADMIRE YOU, BOLT!

...AM HONORED TO FIGHT YOU!
I, WHO WAS BORN INTO THE HOUSE OF WAR...
KAKUGO HAGAKURE
AGE 5

I AM NOT DEAD YET!
IT IS STILL TOO EARLY FOR MY EULOGY!
DON'T MOCK ME, PUNK!
!
YOU ARE IN NO POSITION TO...
...GIVE COMPLIMENTS TO YOUR NEMESIS!

I HAVE NO INTEN-TION OF FLATTERING YOU!
AND TO PROVE IT TO YOU
I AM GIVING YOU EVERYTHING I'VE GOT

EVERY-
THING!
GNH!
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IS THAT
THE BEST
YOU CAN
DO?
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CONCEIT-
ED!

YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO EVEN CHALLENGE MASTER HARARA!
SUBLIMA-TION!

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ANTI-
SUBLIMA-
TION
ZERO
FORM,
IRON
BALLS

HEAT PROOF BARRIER MODE!
THE IRON BALL BECOMES A BARRIER TO ENVELOPE SUBLIMATION!
HOWEVER!

THE HEATPROOF BARRIER MELTED!
IT'S TOO THIN!
EXPLOSION!
GWAH

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THE CAMERA CLEARLY CAPTURED THE MOMENT HIS SKIN MELTED AWAY AND HIS EYEBALLS EXPLODED!
AAH

REPLAY
LOOK
THERE IS NO MISTAKE.

WELL DONE, BOLT!
THIS TIME FOR SURE, HE IS DEFEATED, ISN'T HE!?
MASTER TOMOHISA

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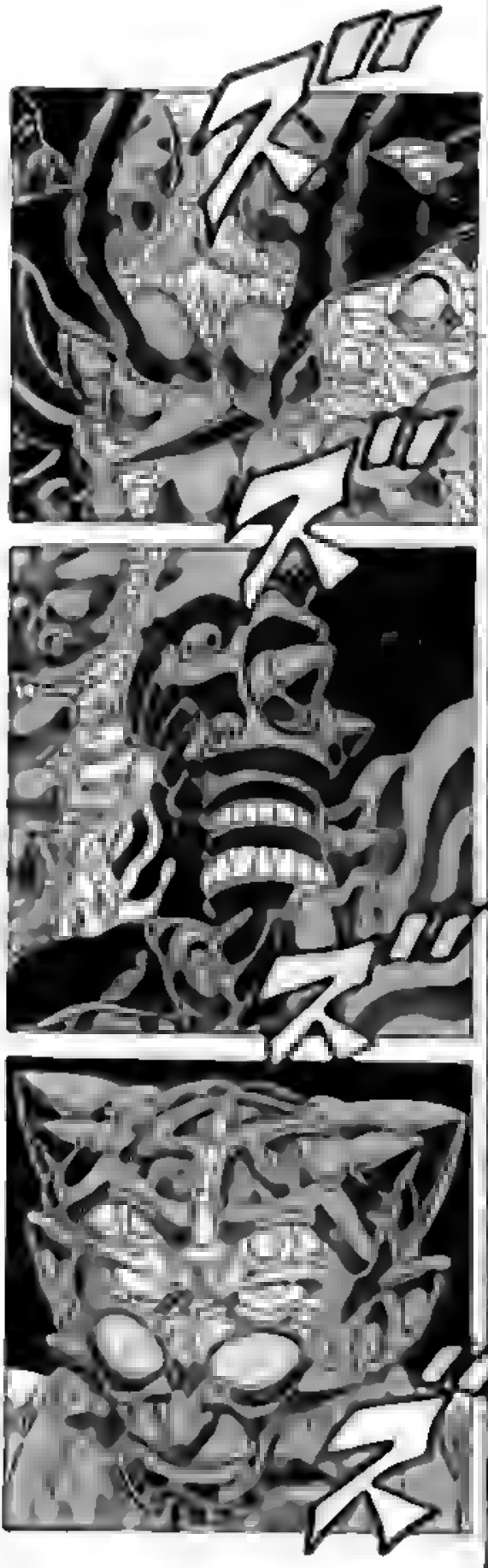
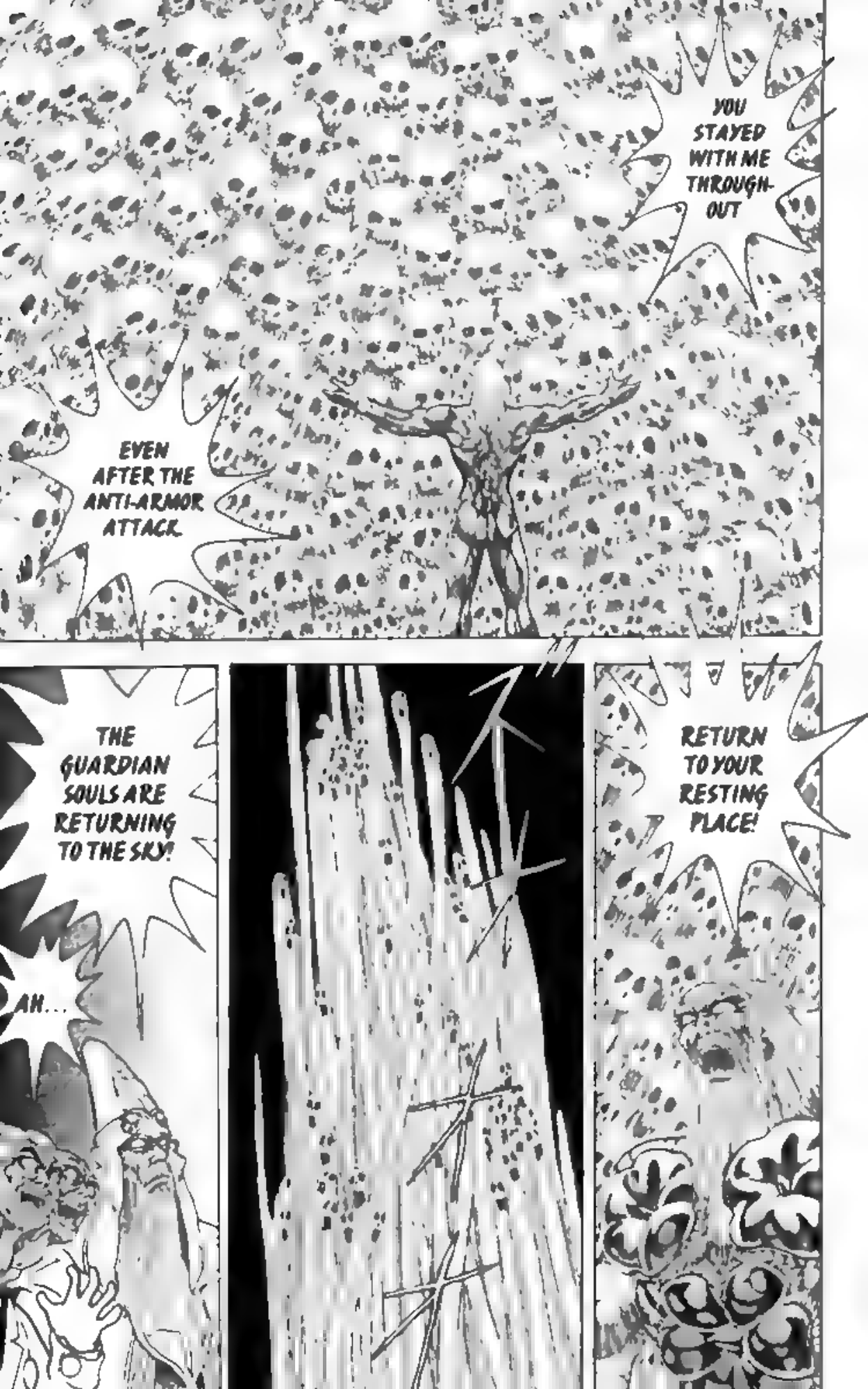
I-IT HIT HIM!



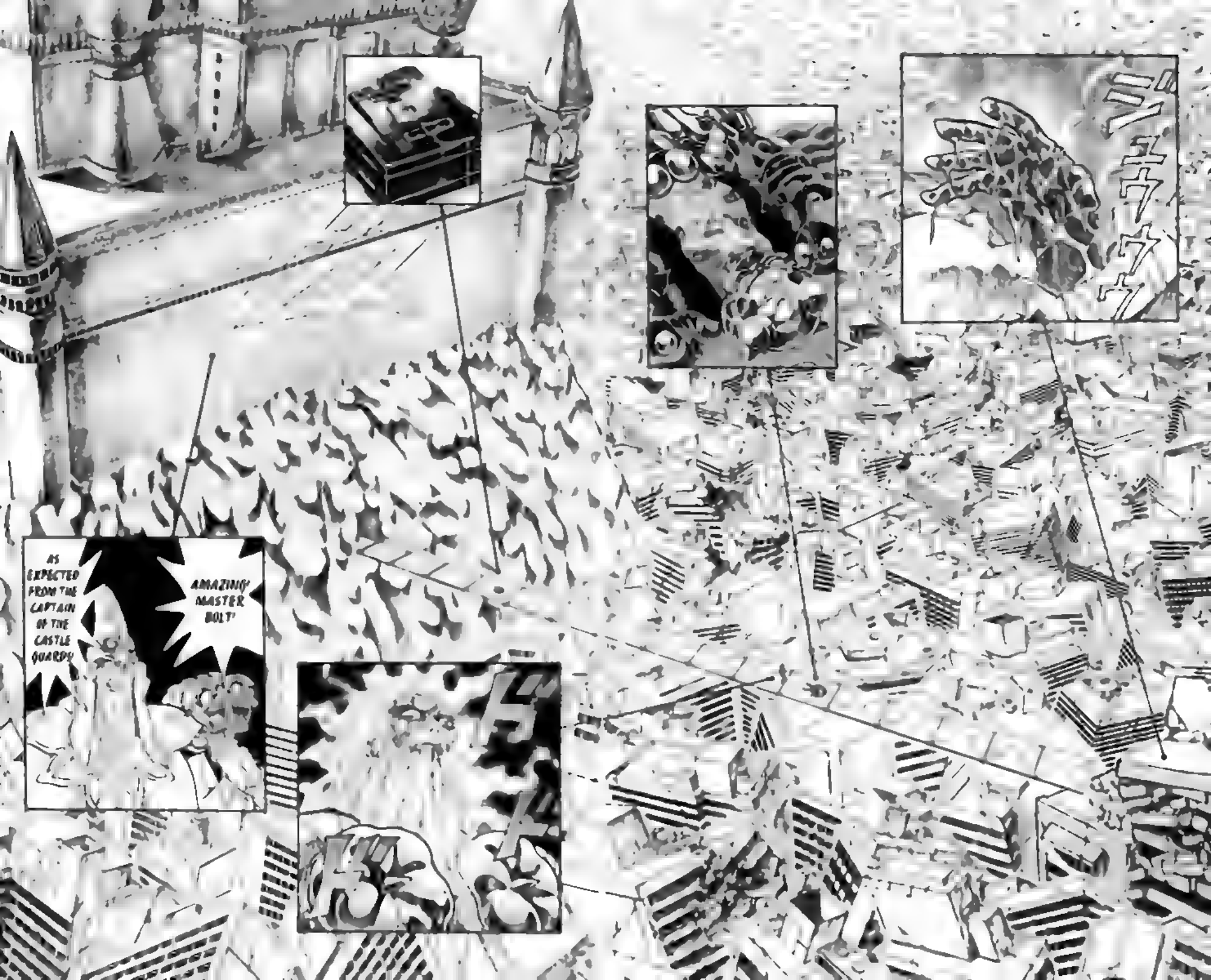
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD... BOLT, IS VICTORIOUS!

MY DEAR FOUR HUNDRED SOULS
TOGETHER WITH SHIN AND ITS GUARDIAN SOULS


EVEN AFTER THE ANTI-ARMOR ATTACK
YOU STAYED WITH ME THROUGH-OUT
THE GUARDIAN SOULS ARE RETURNING TO THE SKY!
AH...
RETURN TO YOUR RESTING PLACE!

HOW BEAUTI-FUL!

第四十七話 肉虫
EPISODE FORTY-SEVEN, MEAT BUG


AS EXPECTED FROM THE CAPTAIN OF THE CASTLE GUARDS!
AMAZING! MASTER BOLT!

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BO-
..WHAT YOU'VE GOT!
LET'S SEE...
RIGHT HERE!
I'LL RIDDLE YOU WITH BULLETS!
THAT PEST NEVER DIES!

Eh
!!
AH!
LOOK! BEHIND GALILEO
WAIT GALILEO

THEY'VE JOINED TOGETHER AND BECOME GIGANTIC!
A MEAT BUG!
UH...
THE MEAT BUG IS...
AAH
GUH

EATING HIM!
GULP!
THE MEAT BUG IS ACTUALLY MADE OF HUMANS THAT COULD NOT BECOME TACTICAL FRIENDS
HUMAN
AHA HAHA!

HIS VITAL SIGNS ARE GETTING WEAKER!
KAKUGO HAGAKURE WAS EATEN BY THE VERY SAME THING HE'S BEEN TRYING TO PROTECT!
HOW IRONIC!
I GUESS IT WAS ATTRACTED TO THE SMELL OF BURNING FLESH.
HEH HEH HEH MEAT BUG USUALLY EATS GIANT RATS
KAKUGO
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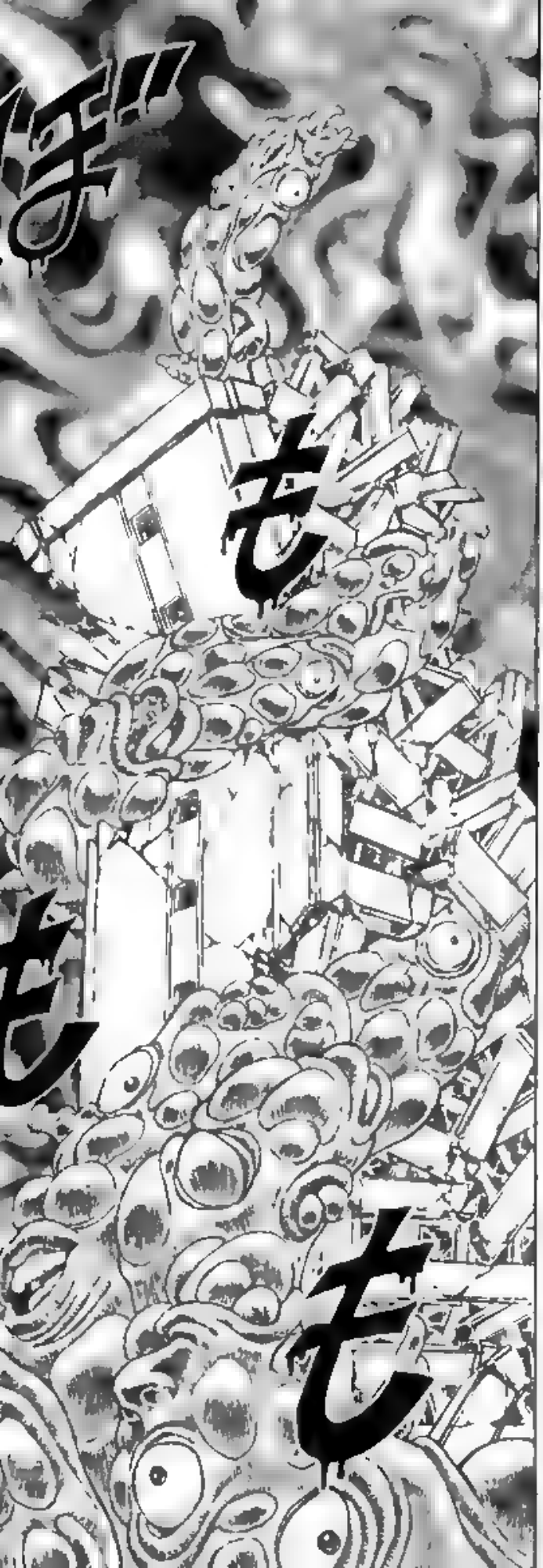
MEAT BUGS MIGHT BE MADE OF FAILURES BUT ITS ENERGY SOURCE IS, JUST LIKE ANY TACTICAL FIEND
OF COURSE, MASTER TOMOHISA.
...HUMAN SPINAL FLUID!
...TO BE SWALLOWED BY THAT UNNATURAL MASS OF INFERIOR HUMANS...
I WANTED TO DESTROY YOU WITH MY OWN HAND, BUT

IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT YOU DIE THIS WAY...
ISN'T IT SO, MASTER HARARA?


IN ANY CASE, THAT MEAT BUG IS ENORMOUS.
DOZENS OF MEAT BUGS HAVE JOINED TOGETHER.
THEY HAVE FUSED INTO A SINGLE CREATURE.
LIKE PIRANHA THAT SWARM AROUND THEIR PREY!
THEY MUST BE STARVING.

OR TWO THOUSAND!?
THERE MUST BE A THOUSAND!?
WHY ARE THE MEAT BUGS JOINING TOGETHER?
FOR WHAT PURPOSE?
EXPERIMENTS AT GARAN CASTLE!
IN HORRIFICALLY GRUESOME
EVERY MEAT BUG THAT WAS LEFT TO DIE AROUND GARAN CASTLE IS ABOUT TO UNITE!

EEK
MM
NGH

S-SO MANY MEAT BUGS...
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H-HOW DISTURBING!
DISTURBING INDEED
WHAT KIND OF DISGRACEFUL DISPLAY IS THIS!?
MASTER TOMOHISA!
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HOW DARE THEY ENGAGE IN SUCH A DISGUSTING SPECTACLE IN FRONT OF THE CASTLE!

BECAUSE THEY WERE FAILURES!
MEAT BUGS CANNOT ATTACK!
NO NEED TO PANIC!
WHAT I FEAR IS...
I DO NOT FEAR THE MEAT BUGS!

第四十八話
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EPISODE FORTY-EIGHT, DEVOTION

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CLIK CLIK CLIK CLIK
TAKE THIS, MEAT BUGS!
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NOTHING SO REPULSIVE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EXIST!
VILE MEATBUG I'LL SPLIT YOU INTO ATOMS!
SCIENTIFIC ANNIHILATION CANNON GALILEO MODEL

YOU MUSTN'T NOT USE THE SCIENTIFIC ANNIHILATION CANNON
YOU MUSTN'T, GALILEO!

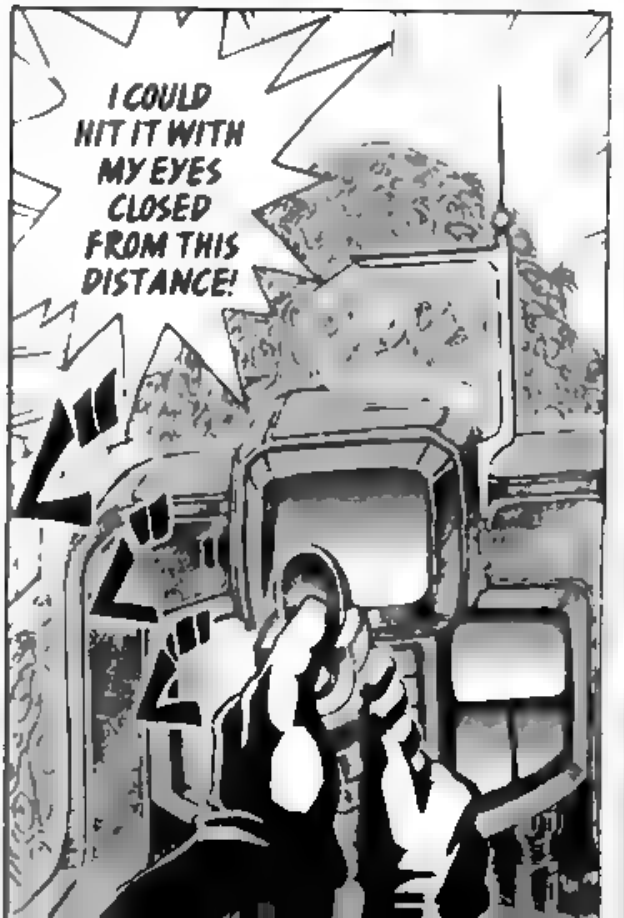
IT WILL LEAVE THE SURROUNDING EARTH CONTAMINATED AS WELL!
IF YOU DO, IT WILL NOT ONLY KILL THE MEAT BUGS...

HOWEVER, MASTER TOMOMISA!
WANT SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO HAPPEN
MASTER HARARA WOULD NEVER

MEAT BUGS ARE NOTHING BUT MISERABLE WASTE.
I AM WELL AWARE OF THAT...
HOWEVER
WE CANNOT JUST LET IT BE...
...CAN NOT HELP...
...BUT TO WORRY!
THAT IS WHY, I, GALILEO
THAT MAN IS INSIDE OF IT!
FOR THE SAKE OF MASTER HARARA!
MASTER TOMOHISA!
ON ONE OCCASION HE WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A TACTICAL FIEND, AND YET MANAGED TO CHANGE HIMSELF BACK
HMM, HE DOES HAVE A POINT!

TARGET, MEAT BUG, DEAD AHEAD! YOU WILL HAVE ONLY ONE SHOT!

PROBABILITY OF HITTING THE TARGET 200%


I COULD HIT IT WITH MY EYES CLOSED FROM THIS DISTANCE!

PREPARE TO FIRE THE SCIENTIFIC ANNIHILATION CANNON!
READY!

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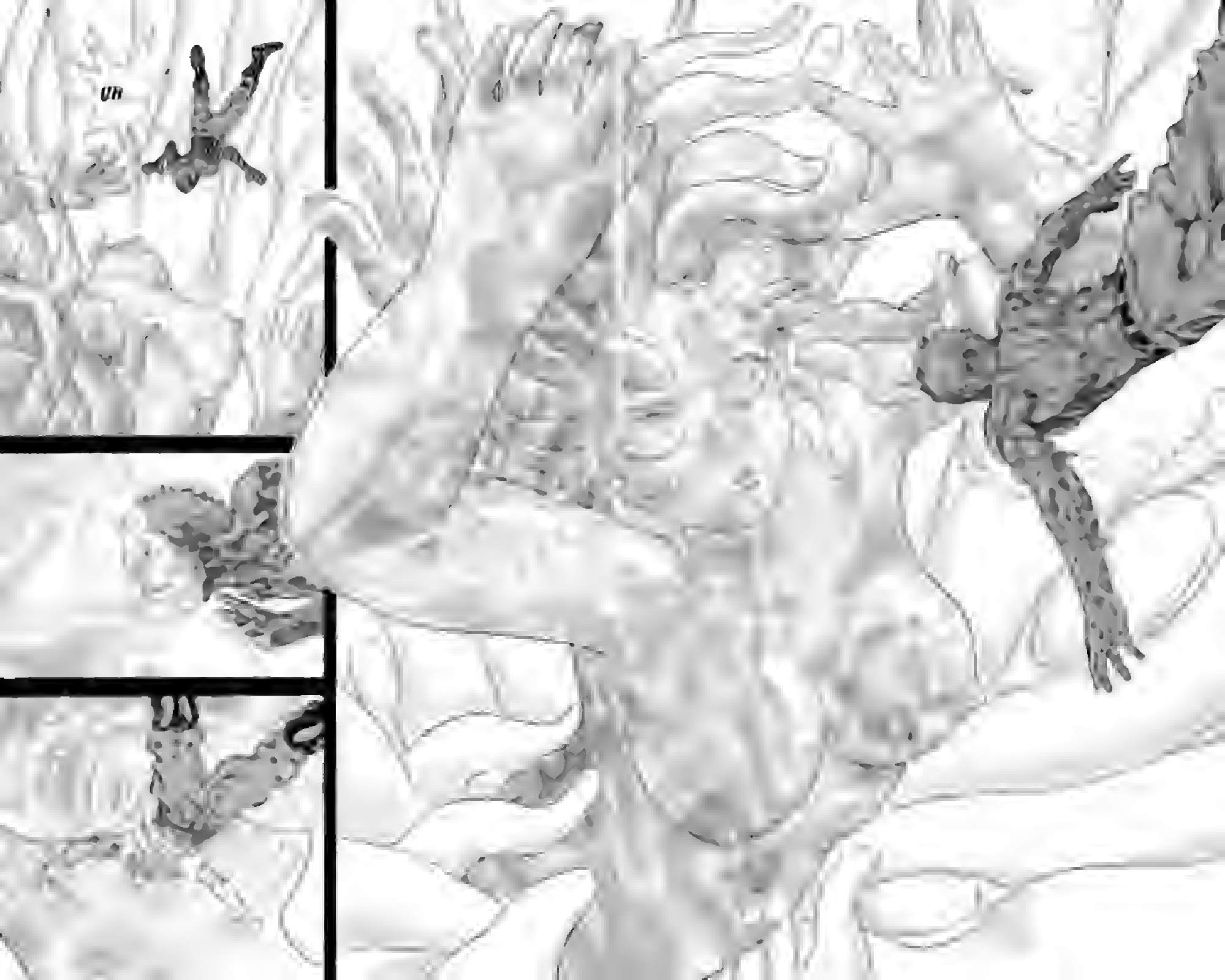
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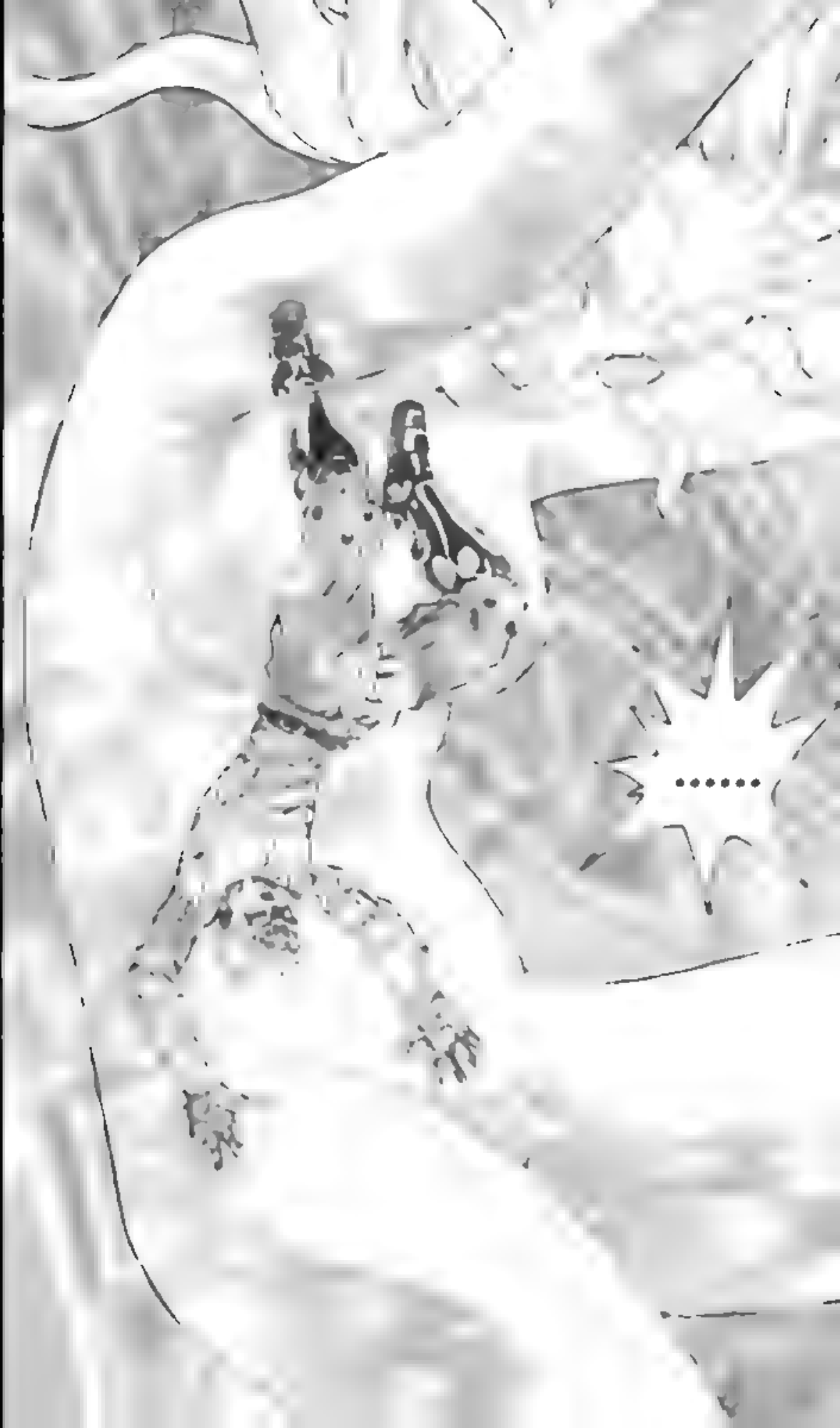
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MOTHER!?
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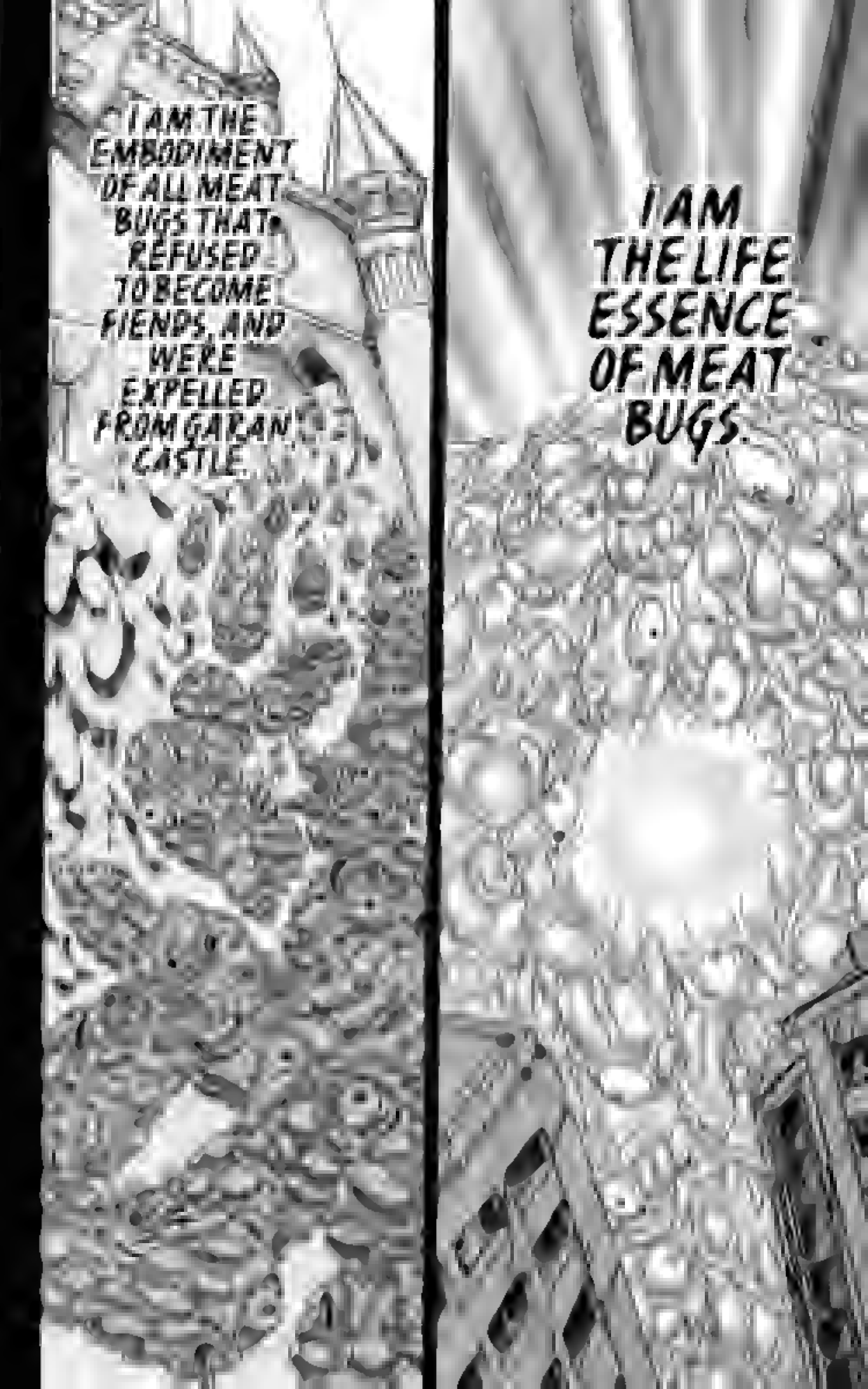
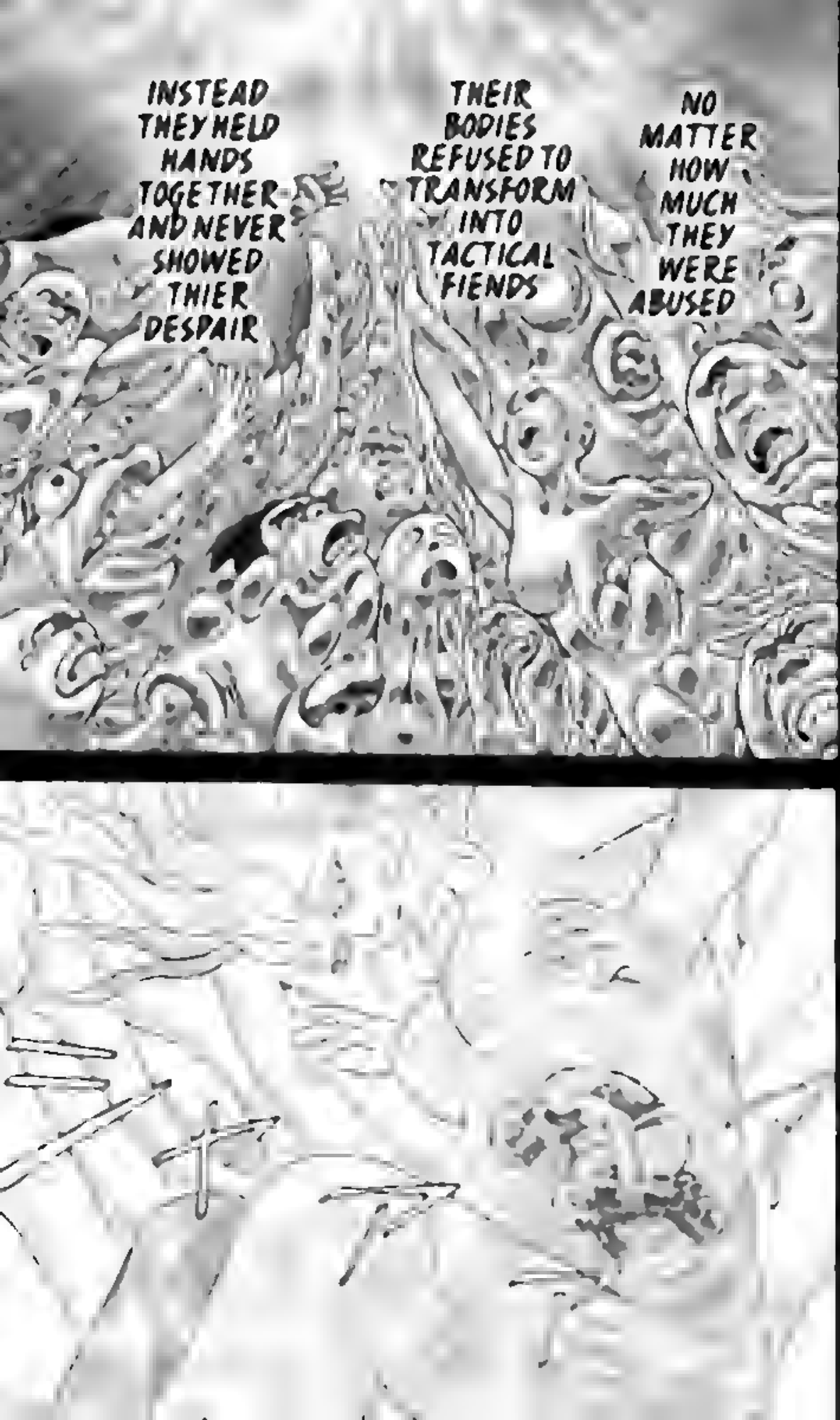

I AM THE EMBODIMENT OF ALL MEAT BUGS THAT REFUSED TO BECOME FIENDS, AND WERE EXPELLED FROM GARAN CASTLE.
I AM THE LIFE ESSENCE OF MEAT BUGS.


INSTEAD THEY HELD HANDS TOGETHER AND NEVER SHOWED THIER DESPAIR
THEIR BODIES REFUSED TO TRANSFORM INTO TACTICAL FIENDS
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY WERE ABUSED

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MISSED!

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OH NO!

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DAMN, I MISSED...
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MY AIM WAS SOOO RIGHT ON, BUT...
UM, WELL, PLEASE MASTER TOMOHISA
GALILEO...
I WILL NOT MISS A SECOND TIME!
ズドド
THIS TIME AIM WITH DEADLY ACCURACY.
DO NOT REPEAT YOUR MISTAKE.

I HAVE NO POWER..
...TO FIGHT FOR YOU...
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BUT I CAN..
...HEAL YOUR WOUNDS!

第四十九話 大命中
EPISODE FORTY-NINE, BULL'S EYE

WHERE ARE YOU?
HAGAKURE!
RIGHT HERE!
I AM HERE!
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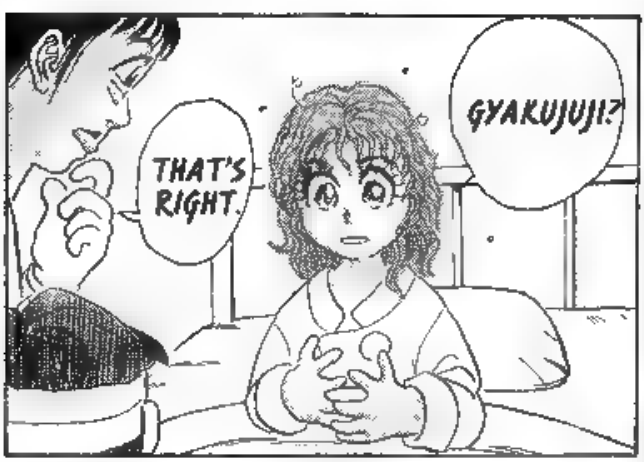
TSUMIKO!

TAKE MY HAND!
YES!

AAH!
HUH?


THAT'S RIGHT.
GYAKUJUJI?

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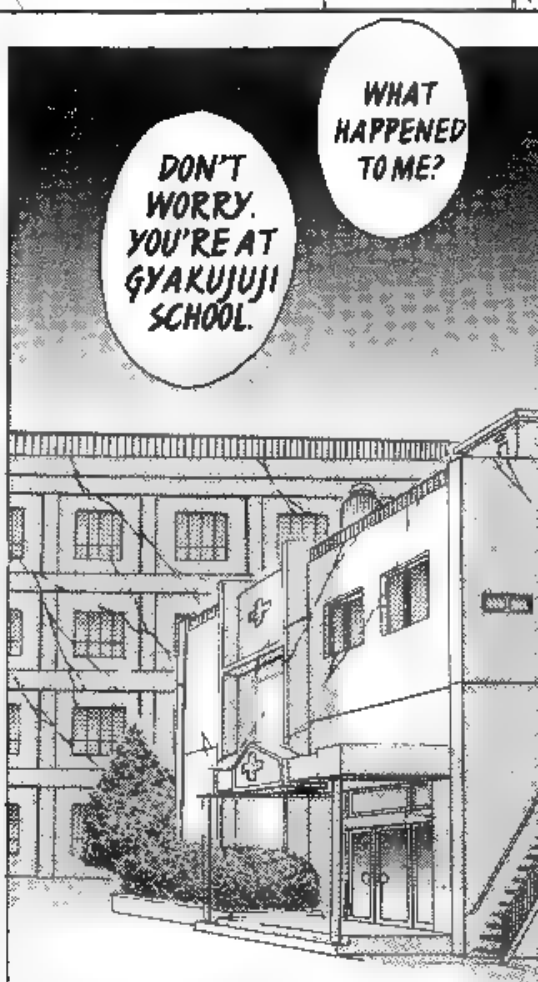
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?
DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE AT GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL.

AFTER YOU SAW HAGAKURE LEAVE...
...YOU JUST FAINTED.
I GAVE YOU A PIGGYBACK RIDE TO GYAKUJUJI.
THAT MUST'VE BEEN TOUGH.
'CAUSE SHE'S SO FAT
TSUMIKO, YOU'RE VERY LUCKY.
I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE OKAY.
THANK YOU, HAOKA.
DON'T MENTION IT

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TSUMIKO!
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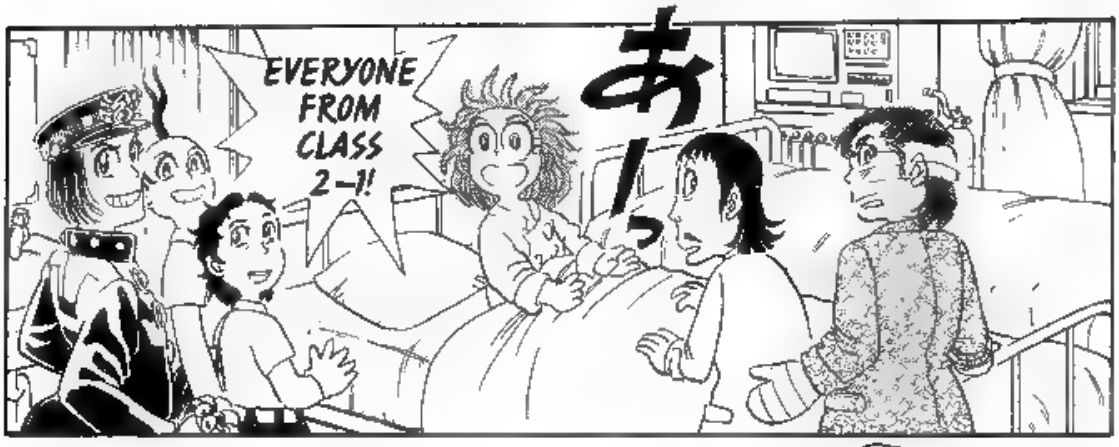
EVERYONE FROM CLASS 2-1!
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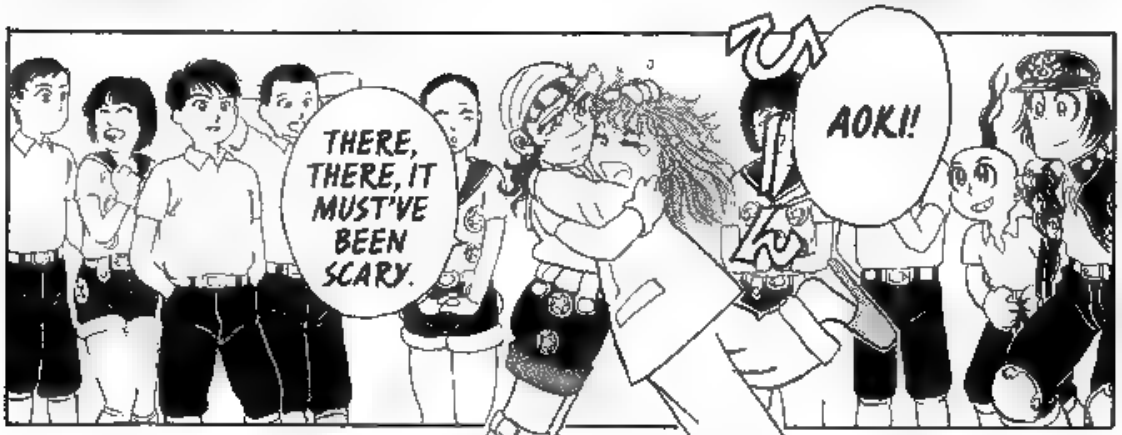
THERE, THERE, IT MUST'VE BEEN SCARY.
AOKI!!

THANK YOU.
THANK YOU ALL.
WE WERE SO WORRIED WHEN WE HEARD THAT YOU'D BEEN KIDNAPPED, BUT
SO THEY WAITED FOR YOU IN THE CLASSROOM.
EVERYONE WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
WE'RE SO GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK, TSUMIKO
HE'S STILL...
HAGAKURE IS...!!
I WAS ABLE TO COME BACK YOU GUYS, BUT...
ZOKU

WAH
!
AH!
ゆらゆらゆら
EARTH-
QUAKE!
WHAT IS
THAT!?
AAH!

THAT CLOUD IS FROM A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION
IT'S COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF SECTION 2
IT'S WAR.
AAH
HAGAKURA...

THIS TIME IS FOR SURE!
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YOUR REPUTATION AS HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS ON THE LINE!
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, DON'T YOU?
GALILEO!
DO NOT WORRY, MASTER TOMONISA!
I MOST CERTAINLY DO!

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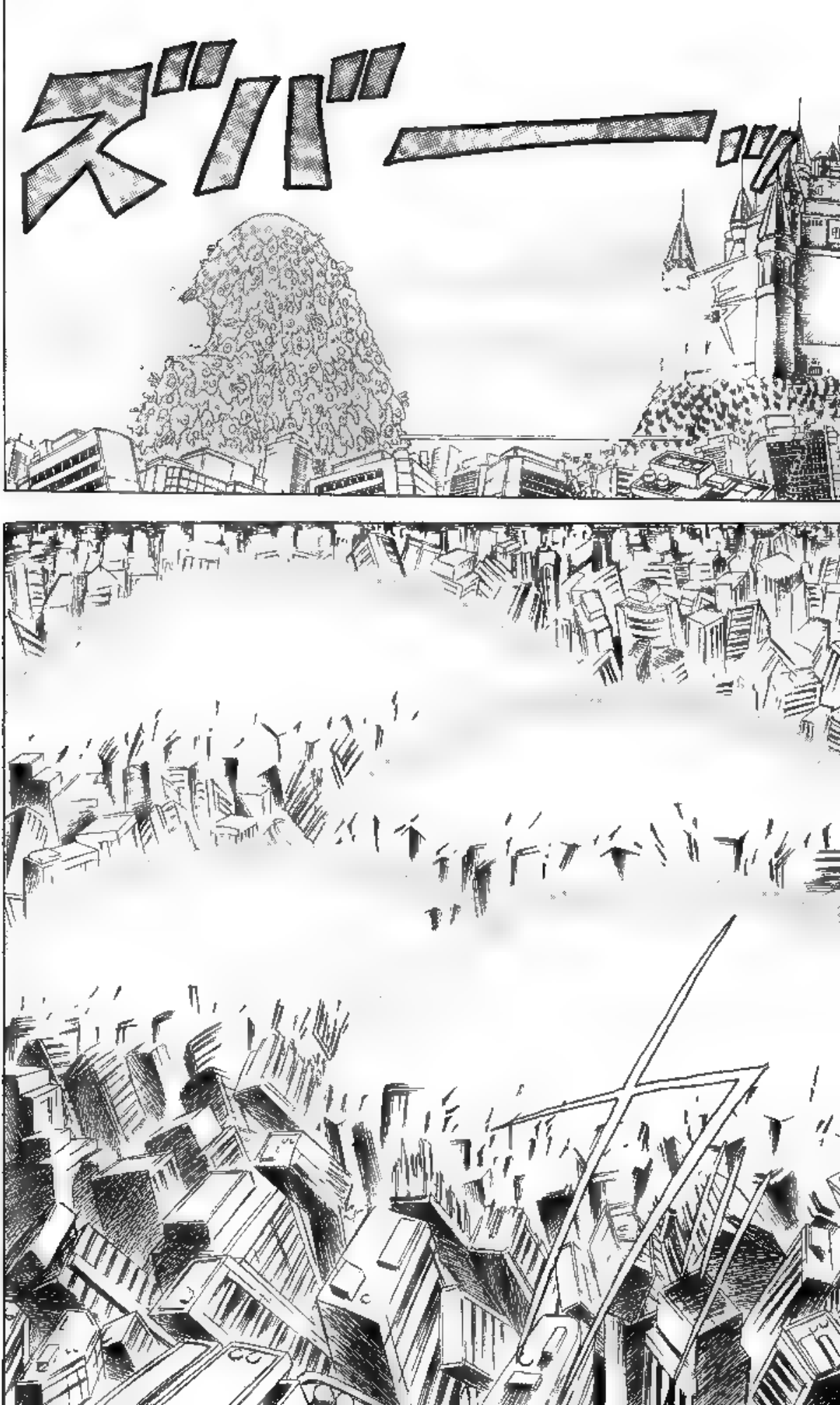
I WILL BLOW THE MEAT BUG INTO PIECES, ALONG WITH RALUGO INSIDE!
YOU CAN HAVE GREAT FAITH IN MY SECOND SHOT!
IT WILL BE A BULL'S EYE!
VERY WELL!
BUT BECAUSE I MISSED ONCE
SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER FAILED MIGHT BE OVER CONFIDENT!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HALLELUJAH
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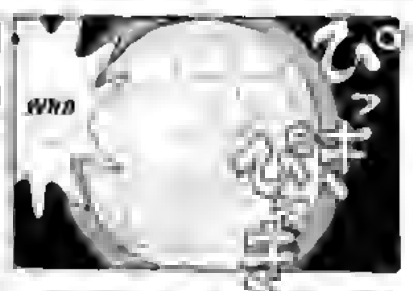
TAKE A LOOK, MASTER TOMOHISA!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO MODULATE THE ENERGY LEVEL.
MY CANNON SHOT A HUGE HOLE THROUGH THE MEAT BUG'S BODY!
YOU IMBECILE!
THE LION IS FIERCE AGAINST EVEN THE WEAKEST PREY.
AND HOW!

LOOK AT THE CITY!
AAH...
MASTER TOMOHISA, WHAT HAVE I DONE?
NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY MASTER HARARA MADE YOU DO THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
AND DID NOT SEND YOU ON TO THE BATTLE-FIELD

JUST LIKE A HUMAN...
WHEN ONE PICKS UP ARMS, IT IS EASY TO FORGET WHAT SHOULDN'T BE FORGOTTEN..
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, MASTER HARARA.
AAH...
IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE, I HAVE FORGOTTEN TO APPRECIATE OUR MOTHER EARTH
HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, GALILEO

THE MEAT BUG IS FALLING APART!
GALILEO! BRING ME HIS CORPSE!
YES SIR!

C-CAN IT BE...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SOMETHING IS ALIVE

LIFE SIGNS DETECTED

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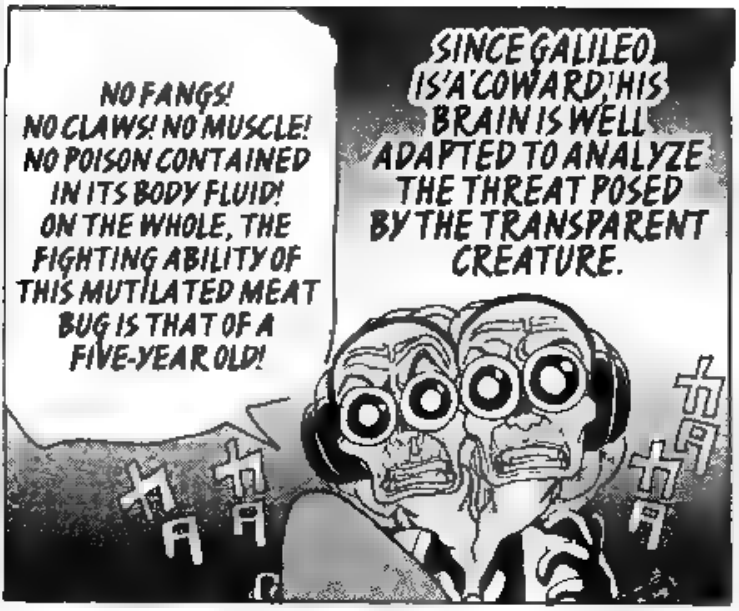
第五十話 七生
GET A MEAT BUG!
EPISODE FIFTY, SEVEN LIVES

IT'S WOBBLING LIKE JELLO
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS.
IT'S A NEW KIND OF MEAT BUG!
GALILEO!

EVEN I AM MORE POWERFUL!


NO FANGS! NO CLAWS! NO MUSCLE! NO POISON CONTAINED IN ITS BODY FLUID! ON THE WHOLE, THE FIGHTING ABILITY OF THIS MUTILATED MEAT BUG IS THAT OF A FIVE-YEAR OLD!
SINCE GALILEO IS A COWARD, HIS BRAIN IS WELL ADAPTED TO ANALYZE THE THREAT POSED BY THE TRANSPARENT CREATURE.

I MUST PROTECT THE EMBRYO!
NO!

WHAT DOES A WOBBLY MEAT BUG LIKE YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING HERE?
YOU THERE!

WHAT THE!
BUT IT'S STILL GOING TO BE A WHILE BEFORE HE AWAKES FROM THE ANESTHETIC.
HIS WOUND HAS ALREADY HEALED...
I-IS IT-
WHAT'S THAT IN HER STOMACH! HUH?
WHAT A ..
...DIS-COVERY!
IT MUST BE IT!
THAT'S IT!

I'M NOT TOO FAMILIAR WITH MEAT BUG BABIES!
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...TO EXHAUSTION, BUT...
I'VE STUDIED HUMAN BABIES...
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE HIM!
HOW DID A REPULSIVE CREATURE LIKE YOU GET PREGNANT?!
HEY BITCH!

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D-DAMN YOU!

KAKUGO!
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IT'S FOR SCIENCE!

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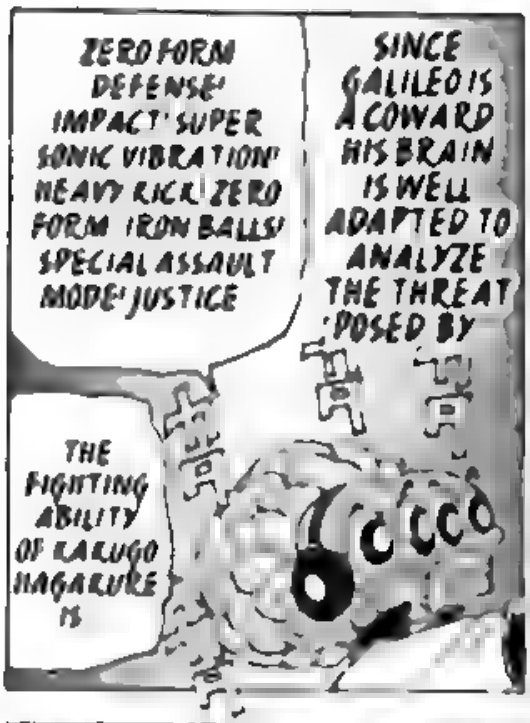
GAH!

AAAH!


ZERO FORM DEFENSE! IMPACT! SUPER SONIC VIBRATION! HEAVY KICK! ZERO FORM IRON BALLS! SPECIAL ASSAULT MODE! JUSTICE
SINCE GALILEO IS A COWARD HIS BRAIN IS WELL ADAPTED TO ANALYZE THE THREAT POSED BY
THE FIGHTING ABILITY OF KAKUGO HAGAKURE IS

DON'T MOVE!

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WHY AREN'T YOU DEAD?
AWA WAWA WA

BRAVE CREATURES WITH HUMAN HEARTS BEATING INSIDE THEM
THOSE WHO CLUNG TO THEIR HUMANITY
EVEN THOUGH A SCUMBAG LIKE YOU DESTROYED MY BODY

I DON'T GET IT! I JUST DON'T GET IT!
WHAT? LIFE FROM MEAT BUGS?

AND GAVE ME NEW LIFE!
BECAME ONE...

DIE!
YA!

IF
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KAKUGO'S LAST ZERO FORM IRON BALL TRANSFORMED HIS FOREHEAD INTO STEEL, AND REPELLED THE BULLET!
EEK!
COUNTER -ATTACK!

WAAAH

NOW KAKUGO APPEARS LIKE THIS IN HIS EYES...
SINCE GALILEO IS A COWARD, HE ALWAYS SNIPPED HIS TARGET THROUGH A SCOPE, AND HAS NEVER BEEN EXPOSED TO BATTLE.
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NO, YOU WON'T!
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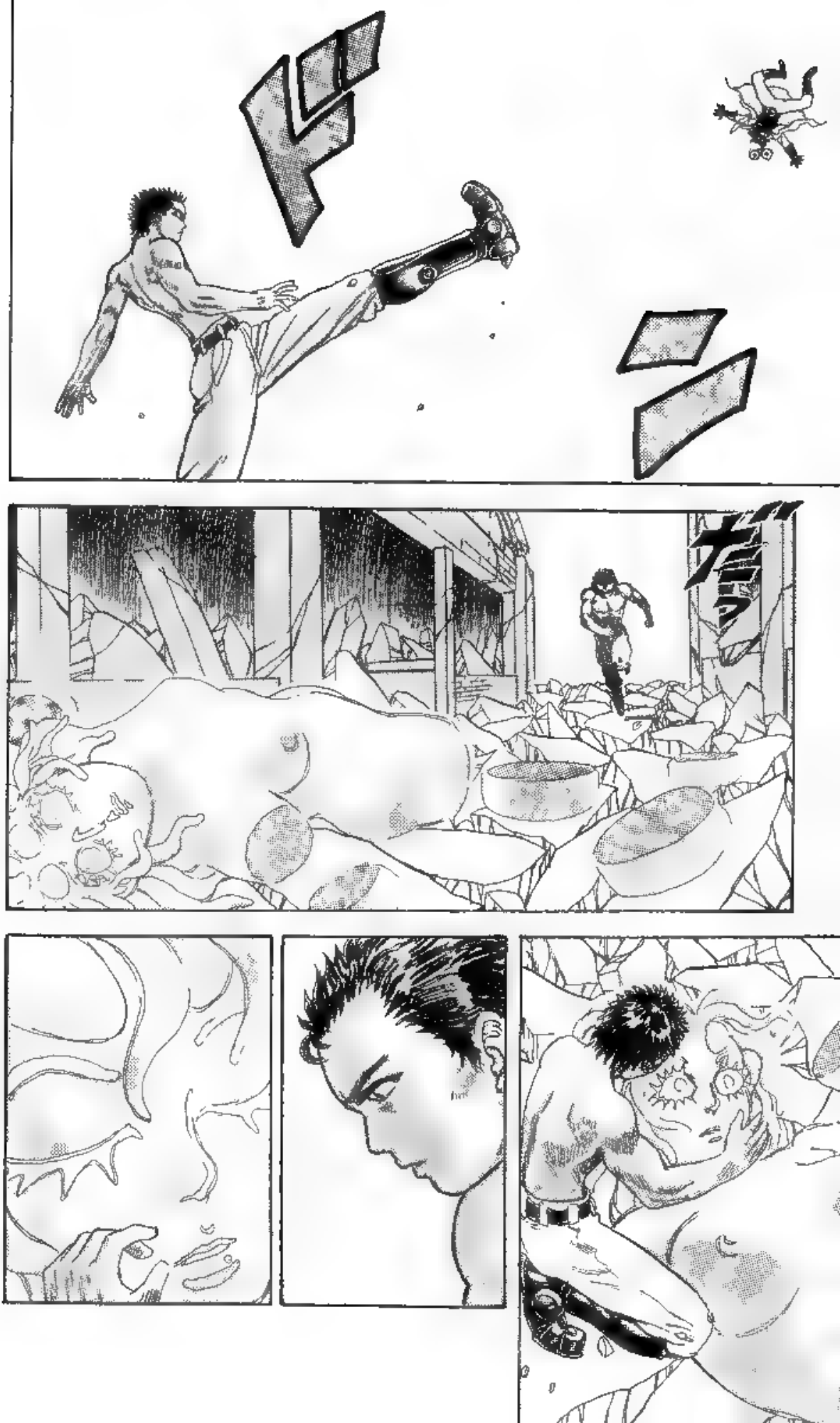
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THANK YOU!
YOU DID THIS FOR ME!

HUMAN DIGNITY STILL WALKS THE EARTH
EVIL FIENDS
HERE I COME

第五十一話
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EPISODE FIFTY-ONE, THE GREAT GATE

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SECTION 4!
SECTION 3 IS COMPLETELY GONE
SECTION 4 IS DESTROYED
HORIE!
GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL!
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GH.

I'M COMING!
W-WAIT!
TSUMIKO!
THE ONLY THING TO DO IS STOP THE ATTACKS ON SECTIONS 2 AND 3.
WHAT CAN I DO FOR SECTION 4 NOW?

IF HARARA WERE TO AWAKEN...
THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BECOME HELL!

DON'T BE SWAYED BY YOUR FEELINGS
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DON'T BE SWAYED BY YOUR FEELINGS
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ZERO FORM IRON BALL!
THERE IT IS!

ADVANCED
ANTI-
ARMOR!

EXPLODE!
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ALL OF YOU IN GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL!
FIGHT ON COURAGEOUSLY!
PLEASE STAY ALIVE, HORIE!

I MUST
DISCHARGE
MY DUTY!

ZERO!
THEY HAVE TAKEN ZERO!
ZERO!
YOU HAVE GAINED ENTRANCE TO GARAN CASTLE BEFORE !!
GOOD WORK, ZERO!
!
NOT A PROBLEM!
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BOLT!

IMPRESSIVE!
...THIS GATE YOU ARE GUARDING CANNOT BE PENETRATED!
EVEN WITH A NUCLEAR WEAPON, EVEN WITH ADVANCED ANTI-ARMOR...
HOW-EVER!

BUT I, KARUGO HAGAKURE, WILL!
NOTHING AND NOBODY HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH THIS GATE
ZERO FORM DEFENSE SECRET TECHNIQUE...
ALL I NEED TO SAY IS...
ONE WORD!

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THE GATE HAS BEEN BREACHED!

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EPISODE FIFTY-TWO: AWAKENING

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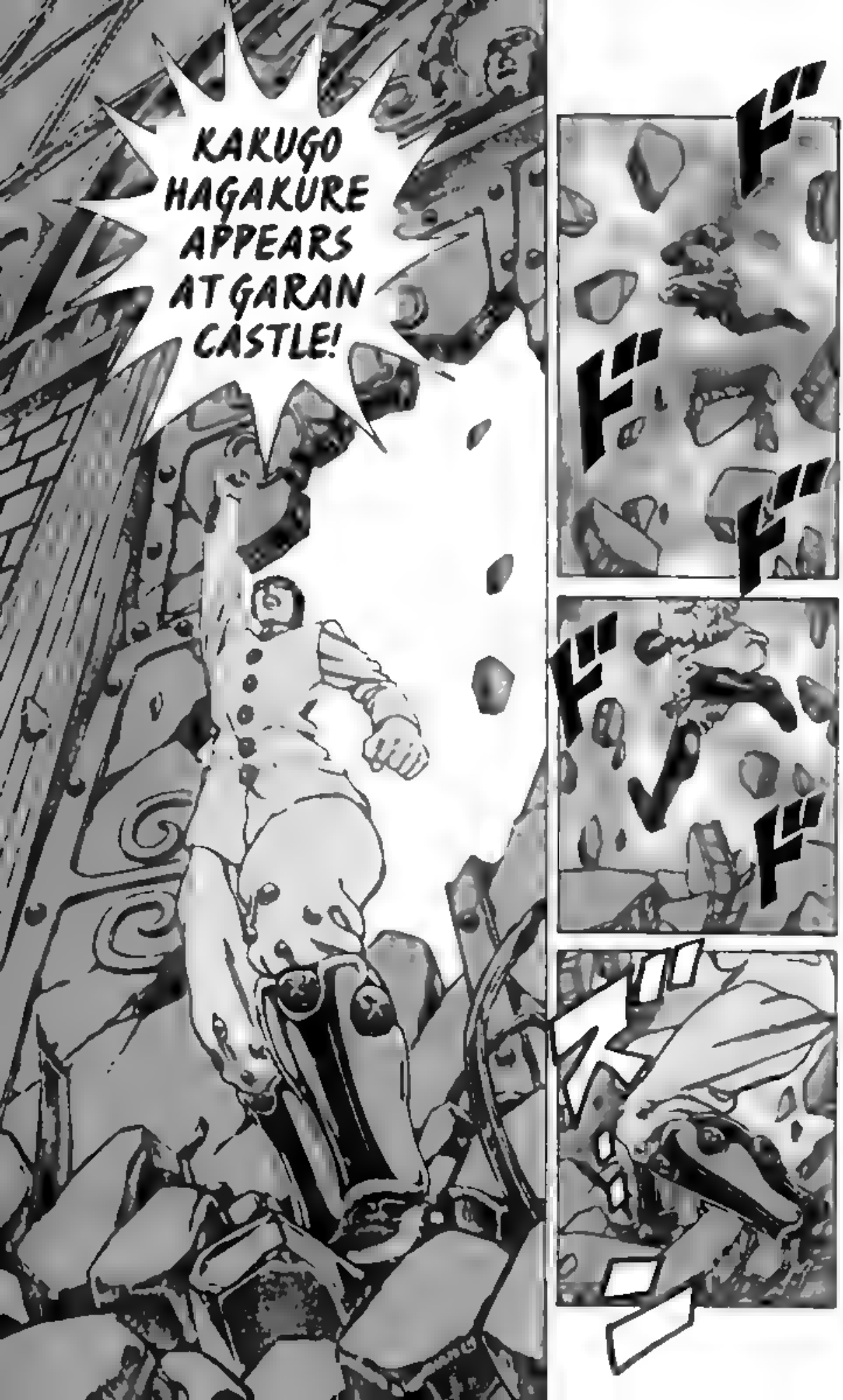
KAKUGO HAGAKURE APPEARS AT GARAN CASTLE!
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OH–
AH...
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MASTER HARARA!

RAGENAR! HE IS MOVING!
HE IS FINALLY AWAKEN-ING!
BLOB!
YES! I'M ANALYZING IT NOW!
BUT, FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, HE IS NOT AWAKENING!
HE SEEMS TO BE IN PERFECT SHAPE BOTH INSIDE AND OUT!
HM...

NO! HE'S COMING!
MASTER HARARA! PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES...
HM...
IF HE COMES INTO THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW...
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
I HATE TO ADMIT IT; BUT I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT WE POSSESS THE STRENGTH TO DEFEAT HIM
HOWEVER, BOLT, LEADER OF THE CASTLE GUARDS, HAVING BEEN DEFEATED
THAT CANNOT HAPPEN!
THAT VICIOUS ANIMAL WILL ATTACK THE MASTER IN HIS SLEEP

LET US
TAKE CARE
OF THIS!
THE MASTER OF THE CASTLE'S PRIVATE NIGHT-TIME SERVANTS
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YOUR PRETTY FACES CAN'T HELP US NOW!
BE GONE, NIGHT-TIME SERVANTS!

YOU ARE TRAINED TO PROVIDE FOR MASTER HARARA'S RELAXATION
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP KAKUGO HAGAKURE?
MASTER HARARA AND NO ONE ELSE!
THE ONE WHO WILL DEFEAT KAKUGO HAGAKURE IS
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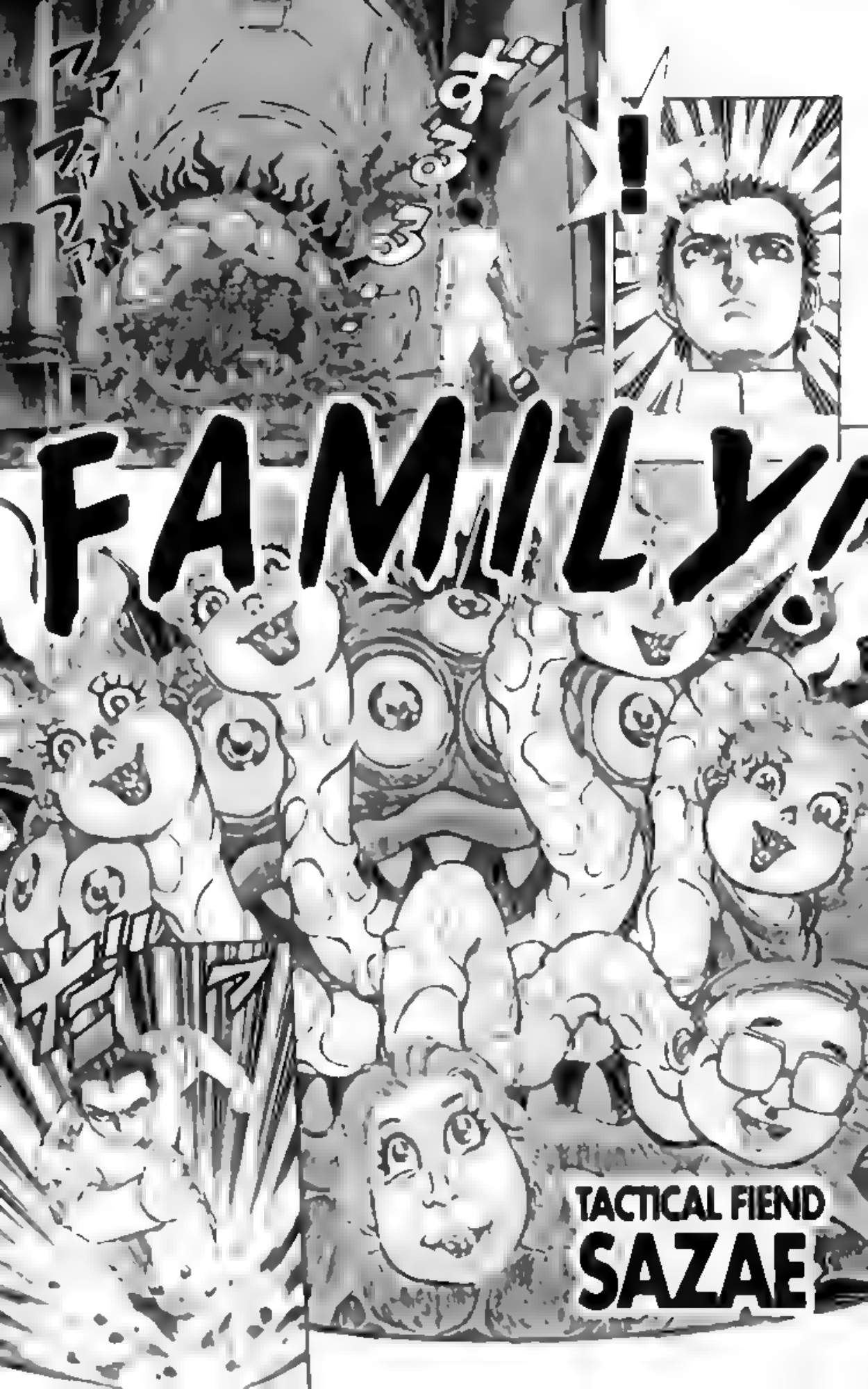
NEVER!
IF YOU KNOW THAT, THEN STEP AWAY!


FAMILY!
TACTICAL FIEND
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DO NOT WORRY!
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WE, THE NIGHTTIME SERVANTS, HAVE SPENT MANY NIGHTS WITH MASTER HARARA.
WE WERE GIVEN THE GREAT HONOR OF DREAMING WITH HIM.
WE FOLLOW THE GRACIOUS MIND OF MASTER HARARA...
...TO THE WORLD THAT MASTER HARARA DREAMS...

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ONLY WE, THE NIGHTTIME SERVANTS, ARE ALLOWED...
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W-WHAT ON EARTH!
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WE'RE GOING TO WAKE UP MASTER HARARA!
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...TO GO TO MASTER HARARA'S DREAM WORLD!
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INTO HIS DREAM!
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HARA HARA!
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MASTER HARARA!
MASTER HARARA
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NO FAMILY COULD BE MORE INSEPAR-ABLE!

EPISODE FIFTY-THREE: HARARA
第五十三話 散

HE'S THERE!
I FEEL IT!
I FEEL HARARA HEART-BEAT!
AM!

SORRY! I'M LATE AGAIN!
I CAN'T HELP IT
'CAUSE MY BLOOD TYPE IS B.
TACTICAL FIEND HIMIKO

YOU'RE VERY SERIOUS.
OH NO, PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY
YOU'RE TYPE A AREN'T YOU?

IS MASTER HARARA ALL RIGHT?
THE LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM IS CRYING!
LOOK!
I CANNOT SEE HIM!
HOW IS MASTER HARARA?
AAAH!

THE CORPSES OF THE NIGHTTIME SERVANTS!

THEY HAVE BEEN SUCKED INTO A LIFE SUPPORT SPHERE!

AAH...
ZERO FORM IRON BALL!

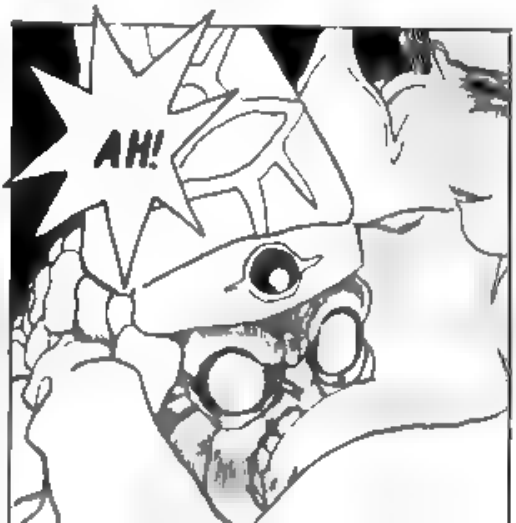
SAINT
MODE!
AAH!

YOU HAVE BEEN SLEEPING FOR A LONG TIME
MASTER HARARA!
IT'S STILL DARK OUT, I SEE
!
WHILE YOU WERE ASLEEP...
MASTER HARARA
RAI, CHIDORURO, AND MASTER BOLT ARE ALL
ZZZZ

M-MASTER HARARA!
WHA!

AAAH!

KAGENARI
CAN YOU SEE IT?


AH!

OOH!
THEY ARE ALIVE. THEY ARE SMILING.
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES.
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WHAT A GREAT HONOR!
...FOR ALL OF YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT! MY HEART IS...
WE WILL SLEEP IN MASTER HARARA'S HEART!!
WHEN WE PERISH IN OUR SUICIDE ATTACK...

WHAT'S WRONG, SERVANTS -IN TRAIN-ING?
H" H" H" H"
...IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE MASTER HARARA HAS FOUGHT!
HOW-EVER
I KNOW.
KAKUGO HAGAKURE IS ALREADY ON THE CASTLE GROUNDS.
MASTER HARARA.
FINE! TRY ME!
AFRAID SO!
ARE YOU SAYING I MIGHT'VE LOST MY TOUCH?

FOR MASTER HARARA!

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THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE BLOOD THAT
---RUNS INSIDE HUMAN BEINGS!
ALL BLOOD IS RED!

- **TAKAYUKI YAMAGUCHI**

- **ASSISTANTS**

TOORU HOSOKURA

MY STOMACH IS GETTING HOT...

NOBUHIRO NASU

NASU HERE. PEOPLE'S MINDS CHANGE EASILY. THERE ARE OFTEN TIMES WHEN WHAT I THOUGHT YESTERDAY IS NOT WHAT I THINK TODAY. SO I DECIDED NOT TO ANNIHILATE MANKIND. IT'S TRUE.

TAKASHI OZAKI

I WENT TO VENUS IN A UFO THE OTHER DAY. I BEGGED THE KING OF VENUS NOT TO INVADE EARTH. HE'S SUCH A GREAT MAN THAT HE UNDERSTOOD. EARTH IS AT PEACE BECAUSE OF ME, BUT I DON'T NEED ANY GIFTS OR ANYTHING. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT'S ALL A LIE.

KURENAI X

PENIS! JUSTICE!

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BY:
OZAKI

BY:
HOSOKURA

BY:
NASU

I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE WITH ME UNTIL THE END. READING SMALL DRAWINGS PACKED MINUTELY INSIDE SMALL FRAMES MIGHT TIRE YOUR EYES. BUT PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR SEATS, AND ENJOY THE GRAND FINALE. I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION.

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